

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A method to play a video poker game where cards are dealt from a deck comprising cards that have four suits and a series of card values; the cards are dealt in a diamond pattern, each of the four sides of the diamond forming a five card poker hand with three interior cards and two corner cards where some or all of the cards display the suit, but not both the card's suit and card's value when dealt; the player is allowed to exchange cards between hands; after the exchanges, both the card's suit and card's value of the cards are displayed; each hand is then compared to a paytable and the player is paid off according to the paytable.

4. (Previously presented) The method to play a video poker game of claim 3 where the corner cards are conventional cards dealt face down, the player is permitted to exchange some or all of the interior cards; after the exchange both the suit and card value of the interior cards are displayed; the corner cards are turned face-up, and the player is paid off according to the paytable.

5. (Currently Amended) A method to play a video poker game where two or more hands of cards are dealt from a deck that has cards with four suits and a series of card values, where some or all of the cards display the their respective suit, but not both the suit and card value when dealt, one or more bets can be placed, the cards

then display both the suit and card value, and the player is paid off according to a payable.

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16. (Cancelled)
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Currently Amended) A method of playing video poker comprising:
 - (a) dealing cards from a deck of playing cards that have four suits and a series of card values;
 - (b) having the cards display the card's suit, but not the card card's value when dealt;
 - (c) allowing a player to select one or more cards to form a poker hand;

- (d) after the player selects each card, displaying both the card value and suit of the card;
- (e) comparing the resulting hand to a payable; and
- (f) paying the player according to the payable.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 where some of the cards are conventional with non-descriptive backs.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, where cards are dealt in diamond pattern.

22. (Previously Presented) A method to use playing cards, or an electronic representation of playing cards, for playing gambling card games like poker and blackjack where the cards have both suits and card values; when the cards are dealt the card's suit is displayed, but the card's value is not displayed; when a player selects a card both the card's value and the card's suit are displayed and where cards are dealt in diamond pattern to play a poker-type game and where each side of the diamond is a separate hand; and the player is permitted to exchange cards from one hand to another, after the exchange the cards are compared to a payable and the player is paid according to the payable.

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31. (Cancelled)

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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-2, 6-18, 23-31 have been cancelled previously. Claims 5 and 19 have been amended. Consequently Claims 3-5 and 19-22 are pending. Applicants respectfully assert that these amendments add no new matter.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 5 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Needler (592). Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 5 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Needler (592) should be withdrawn.

Without conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejections, Applicant has amended independent Claims 5 and 19 to distinguish the invention more clearly from the prior art. The Examiner states that Needler's cards "teach a suit on one side (clubs) and suit and value on the other." By contrast, Claim 5 states "some or all of the cards display their respective suit, but not both the suit and card value when dealt" and Claim 19 states "having the cards display the card's suit, but not the card's value when dealt." This contradicts Needler's disclosure directly.

Needler's Figures 1 and 2 are reproduced below.

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